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March 6, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter. Below you will find updates from federal, state and local agencies. Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details listed at the end of this newsletter.

My family and I are extremely grateful for the support we have received over the past few weeks and I would like to thank everybody who was able to get out on Tuesday and vote in the primary election. The voter turnout was incredible to see, and I hope we can continue this involvement into all of the runoff elections and the general election in November!

Should you have questions regarding anything in this newsletter, please feel free to contact us directly using the information provided at the bottom of this email.

Sincerely,

Dan



# March 2020 Calendar

Download my March 2020 calendar by clicking the link below. This month is full of events in and around Texas that could be fun or useful to you and your family! This new format allows you to save the document for printing or sending to your family members.

Keep watch for these updated calendars at the beginning of each month. Important local and legislative dates and events will be posted here.

**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD  
THE CALENDAR!**

<b>March 2020</b>						
An event of this color is located in Austin, Texas; (unless otherwise noted)			An event of this color is located around HED 147.			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	20	21	Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo		26	27
	Texas Independence Day	Primary Election Day		BioCom Networking After Hours	Pan Tex for the Texans Golf Tournament	
08		30	31			04
		Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo				
		House Committee on Finance	Senate Committee on Health Violence Prevention and Community Safety	Senate committee on Education	Carmen Cruz Veterinary Partnership Meetings	
	Lake Houston Fisheries Club	SSWY EDG: HR a Panel				
15	16	17	Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Flood Day of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo		House Committee on Redemptive Justice, TX	House Committee on Higher Education			
		Senate Committee on Healthcare	Senate Committee on Redemptive Justice, Senate Budget & Fiscal Control Council Meeting	Senate Committee on Redemptive Justice Antonio		Track Bash
29		Senate Committee on Health & Human Services	Senate Committee on Health & Human Services			4

### Governor Abbott, DSHS Announce Statewide Testing Capabilities For Coronavirus



#### **Governor Abbott, DSHS Announce Statewide Testing...**

Governor Greg Abbott today held a joint press conference with Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner John Hellerstedt, M.D. and Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd to provide an update on the state testing...

[Read more  
gov.texas.gov](http://gov.texas.gov)

### Texas Education Agency is Closely Monitoring Novel Coronavirus



#### **TEA is Closely Monitoring Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) | ...**

AUSTIN, Tex. - February 28, 2020 - The Texas Education Agency is closely monitoring media reports and information shared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding growing concerns about the spread of the novel coronavirus...

[Read more  
tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov)

# Office of the Comptroller: Fiscal Notes about Early Education in HB 3



## New Funding for Early Education

Current Issue (PDF) more by Peggy Fikac In 2019, the Texas Legislature approved an ambitious overhaul of public education that includes a big investment in early learning - programs many educators consider crucial for the success of students who...

[Read more](#)

[comptroller.texas.gov](http://comptroller.texas.gov)

## HUD Releases Funding for 2018/2019 Disasters (LRGV Flooding, TS Imelda)



**Texas General Land Office**  
**Community Development and Revitalization**  
**CDBG-DR Federal Register Notice: 85 FR 4681 (January 27, 2020)**  
**One-Pager Publication: February 2020**

### Summary:

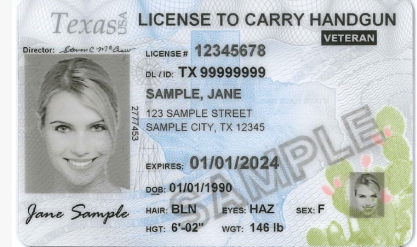
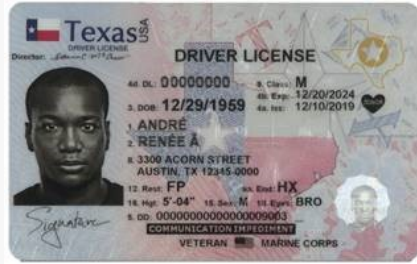
- **Two (2) Action Plans** shall be written for the \$285,654,000 in HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds allocated to the State of Texas for 2018 and 2019 disasters.
- At least **70 percent** of CDBG-DR funds must benefit **low- and moderate-income (LMI)** persons.
- A total of **100 percent** of the allocation must be expended in **six (6) years**.
- At least **80 percent** of the allocation must address mitigation needs in the HUD-designated Most Impacted and Distressed (HUD MID) counties and ZIP code (*see map and below*).
  - Remaining 20 percent must address unmet need in the GLO identified State MID.
- GLO may use up to 5 percent of funds for administration and up to 15 percent of funds for planning activities.
- CDBG-DR state action plans due to HUD on June 2, 2020.
- **30-day public comment period** is required for the action plan draft

The Federal Register for 2018/2019 Disasters was published on January 27th, 2020.

[Click here for the 2018/2019 Federal Register One-Pager](#)

## Department of Public Safety Unveils New Design for Driver License/ID and License to Carry Cards





Starting this week, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) began issuing the newly designed Texas driver licenses (DL), identification (ID) cards and license to carry (LTC) cards to all Texans. Most notably, all of the cards will feature a new look with an updated design and enhanced security features. The DL/ID cards will also feature visible and discrete identifiers on the front. It's important to note that previously issued DLs are still valid until the expiration date listed on the card.

The new DL and ID cards will be made of polycarbonate material, which is more tamper-resistant and harder to reproduce, and feature laser engraving to provide an added layer of protection against alterations and forgeries. As part of the new design, there will be an identifier on the front of the card for those who have a health condition that may hamper their ability to communicate with others. The new design will also identify veterans and disabled veterans, along with their branch of service, on the front of the cards. Additionally, the new card features meet the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators national standards.

As with all the DL and ID cards DPS has issued since early October 2016, the new cards will be REAL ID compliant, as noted by the gold star in the upper right corner. Texans without a gold star on their current valid DL/ID card can visit [Texas.gov/goldstar](https://www.texas.gov/goldstar) to check their eligibility to renew early or request a duplicate card that's REAL ID compliant. As a reminder, beginning Oct. 1, 2020, you'll need a valid passport, U.S. military ID or a REAL ID compliant driver license (one with the gold star) to travel on commercial airlines or enter federal facilities.

As part of the redesign, the Texas License to Carry (LTC) Handgun cards will also debut a new look and new features, including laser engraving and a durable, tamper-resistant polycarbonate material.

To learn more about the new card design and features, [visit](#) our website.

## Updates From the District

### Cypress Creek Watershed March Work Groups



## Work Group Meetings

The Cypress Creek Watershed Partnership invites you to attend one of its Work Groups to discuss solution to water quality issues in the Cypress Creek Watershed.

### Human Sources

(Wastewater, stormwater, pets)

Thursday, March 12  
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
Barbara Bush Library  
6817 Cypresswood Drive,  
Spring, TX

### Agriculture and Wildlife

Thursday, March 12  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
Barbara Bush Library  
6817 Cypresswood Drive,  
Spring, TX

Can't make one of the Work Groups? Join our open house-style **"All Sources Conference Call "on Thursday, March 12, from 6-7:30PM.**

Call 713-481-0090, and use passcode 1015754# to join the call. Drop in or out at anytime, we welcome your feedback!

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## 86th Session Legislative Updates

### H.B. 3: Dyslexia Allotments



#### Clarification Regarding House Bill 3 Dyslexia...

This letter provides clarification on the House Bill 3 (HB3) dyslexia allotments, program intent code (PIC) 37, and the impact of the use of PIC 37 on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) local educational agency (LEA)...

[Read more](http://tea.texas.gov)  
[tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov)

### H.B. 3906: Transition to Electronic Assessment



## House Bill 3906 (HB 3906) Transition to Electronic...

House Bill 3906 requires the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to investigate and develop a transition plan to administer all State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) tests electronically by 2022-2023. A fully electronic...

[Read more](#)  
[tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov)

## Constituent Resources

### Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

## Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered during the week will be posted to our Facebook page. By "liking" us, you will stay up-to-date about important matters across the state that affect you and your family. Click below to find our page.



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